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MACARTHURFC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

MACARTHURFC V WUFC

SATURDAY 20 MARCH
KICK-OFF 5:05PM
CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM

MATCH DAY PARTNER

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2020/21 A-LEAGUE LADDER

#		CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GA	PTS
1	—	Central Coast Mariners	12	8	1	3	22	13	9	25
2	▲	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	12	5	4	3	18	16	2	19
3	▲	Adelaide United	11	6	1	4	19	20	-1	19
4	▲	Melbourne City FC	10	6	0	4	20	12	8	18
5	▲	Sydney FC	11	5	3	3	15	11	4	18
6	▼	Macarthur FC	12	5	2	5	14	18	-4	17
7	▼	Brisbane Roar FC	11	4	3	4	15	13	2	15
8	▲	Western United FC	10	4	2	4	17	16	1	14
9	▼	Perth Glory	9	4	1	4	21	20	1	13
10	—	Wellington Phoenix	11	3	2	6	16	18	-2	11
11	—	Newcastle Jets	12	3	2	7	10	15	-5	11
12	—	Melbourne Victory	11	2	1	8	11	26	-15	7

PLAYER PROFILE

ALEKSANDAR SUSNJAR

HOW IS IT FOR YOU PLAYING IN THE A-LEAGUE?

Coming from football in Europe it is very different here in Australia. Football in Europe is more open. It is interesting because it is harder in Australia when games are open.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO PLAY FOR AN INAUGURAL CLUB?

It is very special to be playing for a new club because we set an example and show what the club is made of.

NAME: Aleksandar Susnjar
AGE: 25
POSITION: Defender

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CLUB AS A JUNIOR?

My first club was Perth Italia.

HOW DOES IT FEEL TO RETURN BACK TO AUSTRALIA?

I'm excited to play at home as I've been away from my family and friends for a long time. It's also good to not be so far from everyone having previously been in different places like Korea and Czech Republic.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU IDOLISE AS A KID?

I loved Nemanja Vidic.

FAVOURITE MOVIE?

It would have to be Bad Boys.

MW12 MATCH REPORT: MELBOURNE CITY V MACARTHUR FC

After four weeks on the road and looking to bounce back from their 2-nil defeat to the hands of the Mariners on Monday night, Ante Milicic opted to give an A-League starting debut to 18-year-old Michael Ruhs.

It was tough going for the Bulls in the opening 20 minutes with City dominating 70% time in opposition half.

Macarthur's best chance of the first half came from a Beñat free kick on the edge of the box, however the Spaniard couldn't keep the shot down, narrowly flying over the crossbar.

In the 25th minute, an impressive & white hot City outfit took 2 minutes & 8 seconds to blow the game wide open, with a brace to the leagues leading goal scorer Jamie Maclaren.

18-year-old Michael Ruhs made his A-League starting debut against Melbourne City

While a stunned Bulls outfit tried to comprehend what had just happened, City kept the pressure on, capitalising on some unforced Macarthur errors. 9 minutes later they added a third with Craig Noone finishing a delightful long midfield ball from Andrew Nabbout.

The injection of Lachie Rose at half time almost paid off for the visitors, with a craft cross narrowly missing Tommy Oar sliding in near the back post in the opening minutes of the second stanza.

A seemly different team to the first period, the Bulls looked threating, urgent, and hungrier for the ball, yet to no avail.

The final score would remain 3-nil.

Suffering back to back defeats for the first time in the club's history, head coach Ante Milicic said post-match:

"I thought we started well enough. To conceded first goal was disappointing and took a little out of us, but to immediately conceded the second was too much."

"We were punished in transition."

"Their speed and movement, we just couldn't deal with it." Milicic said.

"They're a confident team at the moment, we needed to keep ball for longer spells. They forced us into simple errors and when they break, they are very dangerous."

After the opening 12 weeks of the competition Milicic claimed:

"They're (City) the benchmark in this competition."

"It's been a bad night for us, we'll cop it on the chin. We need to get back to the football we're capable of."

SCHOOL HOLIDAY COACHING CLINICS ARE HERE!

Macarthur FC are proud to launch in partnership with Macarthur Football Association, the Macarthur FC Autumn School Holiday Clinic.

The clinic, open for girls and boys ages from 5 – 12 years-old, will be split across two venues – 7th-8th April 202 at Wayne Gardner Oval, Oran Park and 14th-15th April 2021 at Lynwood Park, St Helens Park.

Running from 9am to 1pm each day, the clinic is a fun and educational way for your child to increase their footballing knowledge and development, allowing them to enhance their skill level whilst in a fun environment.

Participants will have a great time, with our qualified coaches providing high quality sessions focusing on technique, game awareness and playing the Macarthur FC way.

The two-day clinic covers the core football skills though game based scenarios developed by our Macarthur FC technical coaching staff.

The two day packages cost $160 and include:

- Macarthur FC Training kit
- Macarthur FC Endorsed Coaches
- Macarthur FC Player Meet & Greet
- 20% discount at Macarthur FC Experience Store for Members only.

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WIN! Join Ivan Franjic on the Bulls Bus to Your Club Training!

How would you and your junior club like to arrive at training in VIP style?

Nominate your team now to have Macarthur FC's Ivan Franjic pick you and your teammates up and chauffeur driven together to your club training.

Thanks to our player partner, There and Back Shuttles, your junior team could win a this once in a lifetime opportunity to have Macarthur FC & Socceroo legend Ivan Franjic be part of your junior team for an afternoon.

Not only will you & your teammates be given the first class treatment driving together to training together like the pro's, you'll also be given the opportunity to learn a few tips and tricks from Ivan when you arrive at training.

Be quick entries close Wednesday 24th March 2021.

NOTE: Winning team must be chaperoned on the bus by club representative. Maximum 10 seats on bus for team including club representative.

NOMINATE YOUR TEAM AT MACARTHURFC.COM.AU

1 WEEK LEFT TO REGISTER FOR BULLS CUP!

With just one week remaining for grassroot football clubs to register for the Inaugural Bulls Cup, Macarthur FC can now confirm the tournament has a new at Emerald Hills Reserve, Leppington.

The Macarthur FC Bulls Cup is a fun and engaging small-sided football tournament for u9's -u13's boy and girl teams.

The tournament will see teams graded and assessed against a "Bulls playing style" by Macarthur FC technical staff instead of claiming points for winning.

The team in each age division with the highest graded score at the end of the two day tournament will be crowned the winner.

The Bulls Cup will be broken up into different age divisions.

U9/10's & U10/11's featuring in 7-a-side tournament on April 12-13.
U11/12 & U12/13 featuring in 9-a-side tournament on April 14-15.

Macarthur FC Technical Director Joe Haywood said:

"Players can expect a fun and positive tournament where teams are allowed to play football and not necessarily just go for the win."

"Teams are encouraged to be brave and try to master the key moments like 1st touch, striking the ball, body positioning, skills, dribbling. Coaches are also assessed and there will be a trophy for the best overall coach at the event."

"Individual players will also be assessed against a set criteria. These scores will be placed into the teams overall score, so effectively the team with the best individual players who work well as a team will win the Cup." Haywood said.

Throughout the two-day event participants will have the chance to meet their favourite Macarthur FC A-League players plus learn valuable footballing tips and skills from elite coaching professionals.

The tournament will be played at Emerald Hills Reserve, Emerald Hills Boulevard, Leppington across the 12th -15th April 2021.

Only $550 per team to register your team!

Register now: macarthurfc.com.au

VISIT THE MACARTHUR FC EXPERIENCE STORE!

MACARTHUR SQUARE - LEVEL 3 - NEAR THE FOOD COURT

MATCH WEEK 13 PREVIEW

Credit: Matthew Comito

Macarthur FC and Western United resume battle in the earlier A-League fixture, set to get underway at Campbelltown Stadium (kick-off 5.05pm AEDT).

The Bulls began Matchweek 12 in second place and ended it in sixth in the fallout from their 3-0 loss to Melbourne City.

A 4-1 loss to Western United in Matchweek 9 will be fresh in the memory for Ante Milicic's side, who will be eager to make amends by defeating the Green and Black looking for a second successive win after edging Brisbane Roar 1-0 in their last A-League outing. This is the first-ever meeting between the two clubs, whose coaches (Milicic and Carl Veart) were both involved in their inaugural A-League match back in Round 1, 2005.

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THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

Macarthur FC head coach Ante Milicic has named his squad for tomorrow evenings clash with Western United.

After four weeks on the road, the Bulls Return home to Campbelltown Stadium looking to avenge their MW9 4-1 defeat to United in Ballarat.

The Bulls have been given an extra boost with forward Milislav Popovic named for the first time in the match day squad after overcoming a hamstring injury that has sidelined him for the opening 12 weeks of the competition.

Milicic has also promoted Liam Rose and James Meredith this weeks squad.

Macarthur FC's starting XI will be announced 60 minutes prior to kick-off tomorrow afternoon.

Join the conversation on Twitter using the hash-tag #MACvWUN

The Bulls celebrate their 0-1 victory over Sydney FC a few weeks ago.

THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

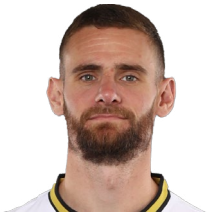
1. FEDERICI (GK)

3. GOLEC

4. BEÑAT

5. MILLIGAN (C)

6. JOVANOVIC



7. FRANJIC

8. GENREAU

9. POPOVIC

10. PUYO

11. OAR

12. MEREDITH

15. SUSNJAR

20. WOOD (GK)

21. HOLLMAN

22. ROSE

23. SCOTT

27. DERBYSHIRE

29. MARTIS

31. LA. ROSE

33. SUSAETA

WESTERN UNITED A-LEAGUE SQUAD

1	FILIP KURTO (GK)
2	AARON CALVER
3	BRENDON HAMILL
4	ANDREW DURANTE
5	DYLAN PIERIAS
6	TOMOKI IMAI
7	BESART BERISHA
8	LACHLAN WALES
10	STEVEN LUSTICA
11	CONNOR PAIN
13	IVAN VUJICA
20	VICTOR SANCHEZ
22	TOMISLAV USKOK
23	ALESSANDRO DIAMANTI (C)
25	LUKE DEZEL
26	NICOLAS MILANOVIC
27	JERRY SKOTADIS
30	RYAN SCOTT (GK)
31	ADISU BAYEW
34	IKER GUARROTXENA

APRIL MATCHES

MACARTHUR FC V PERTH GLORY FC

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
FRI 2 APR | 6:05PM

MACARTHUR FC V NEWCASTLE UNITED JETS

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
SUN 18 APR | 6:10PM

MACARTHUR FC V BRISBANE ROAR FC

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
FRI 9 APR | 7:05PM

MACARTHUR FC V MELBOURNE CITY FC

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
SAT 24 APR | 7:10PM

ADELAIDE UNITED F.C. V MACARTHUR FC

COOPERS STADIUM
WED 14 APR | 7:35PM

PERTH GLORY FC V MACARTHUR FC

HBF PARK
FRI 30 APR | 9:40PM

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